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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are enclosed.

The listed foreign documents were cited in an Office Action dated October 23, 2009, issued by the Japanese Patent Office in corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-173013. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is also enclosed.

U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0030692 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 2001-298694, and U.S. Patent No. 6,738,093 is a U.S. counterpart to JP 11-261944.

The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese documents is found in the attached English-language Abstracts thereof.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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